

## Save the Date: Vacation Bible School (VBS)

- This summer we are having 2 options for our Vacation Bible School Program.
  - 1. At-Home/Virtual Program
  - 2. In-person!!! Our dates are set; VBS will be running from **Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>-Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>!!!**
- **Important Changes:**
  - VBS will be a half-day this year. It will be Monday-Friday, **9:00 AM-12:15 PM**. Pick up will be 12:15-12:30.
  - Breakdown of Campers and Volunteers
    - **Campers for our regular summer VBS program will now be for children entering K-5<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2021-2022 school year.**
    - **There will be a “specialized” program designed for children and teens in entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2021-2022 school year.**
    - **We will no longer be having “Junior Volunteers” (children entering 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Teen Volunteers will be entering 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2021-2022 school year.**
  - In order to follow the recommended guidelines, there will be a **maximum** per grade level this year. We will have a wait list and keep you updated.
  - There will also be a limit to number of **teen** volunteers.
  - **The camper numbers and teen numbers will depend on the amount of adult volunteers we have committed.**
  - Masks will be required by **all volunteers** as well as the campers regardless if one has been vaccinated (we will check in regards with which age of the campers will need to wear face masks).

- Volunteers need to be prepared to be physically distant, and be ready to sanitize anything as needed.
  - There will be a temperature check at the beginning of each day.
  - We will be having carpool this year and **not** in-person pick up. More details will be sent when the VBS date approaches.
  - We will **not** be having an official opening or closing program this summer. We will have pick-up and drop-off in the Pavilion, where the children will be seated by their cohort.
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- **Sign-ups to volunteer Vacation Bible School will begin in the next few weeks.** Please be on the lookout.
  
  - **Most Important:** In order for our VBS program to run smoothly, safely, and effectively, we need as many adults as possible to help. We do have a strong base of adult volunteers who have helped in years past. **However, we are in need of more adults for Summer 2021 VBS in-person to happen.** Please reflect on this especially for your children.
    - If any parents or relatives of current students, alumni, or current faculty and staff are interested in volunteering, volunteer forms will be available at that time as well.
    - If any **adult relatives** (i.e. parents, siblings, cousins, grandparents, etc.) of campers volunteer, they will receive free admission for one camper, and discounted for more than one child.
    - Again, the number of campers and teen volunteers will depend on the amount of **adult volunteers** we have committed.

- What if our children cannot attend July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>? What if we want a 2<sup>nd</sup> week of VBS??
  - We have our **At-Home/Virtual VBS!** This program will be opened up in June for any families who have a desire for a 2<sup>nd</sup> week of VBS. This program is also meant for families whose children may not be able to attend July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Registration Details: There will be a **separate** registration for any family who will **not** be attending the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. Families who register for “In-Person VBS” will have an option to indicate if they wish to receive our At-Home Program as well.
  - **The theme will be different from our In-Person, so families who want both, will truly have 2 weeks.**
  
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